



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FMF
UNIT 35601
FPO AP 96606-5601

ForO 7040.2
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19 APR 1993

FORCE ORDER 7040.2

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO PURCHASE TROPHIES AND SIMILAR
DEVICES IN RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ref: (a) MCO 7042.6B

1. Purpose. To establish the III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) policy for use of appropriated funds for awarding trophies and similar items to individuals and units for excellence in accomplishments and competitions.

2. Background

a. The reference authorizes the use of appropriated funds to purchase medals, trophies, badges, and similar devices as awards to members or units for excellence in accomplishments or competition related to the armed forces. This policy does not preclude a commander from recognizing all forms of excellence in a command, but applies only to the authority to purchase awards with appropriated funds.

b. The use of III MEF appropriated funds to purchase awards, mementos and like items for social affairs and/or in honor of a particular individual or for guests of the command, to include entertainers, civilian dignitaries and foreign and U.S. military personnel is prohibited. The use of appropriated funds for official representation, official entertainment, and community relations programs are specifically excluded from the scope of this Order.

3. Policy. Commanding generals and commanding officers will determine those individuals and subordinate units that excel in designated types of competition related to the mission of the organization. Cash awards are not authorized.

a. The following are examples of legitimate awards; however, these examples are not intended to limit the commander in the designation of awards.

(1) Marine/Sailor of the Month, Quarter, Year.

(2) High Rifle and/or Pistol Marksman of the Quarter,
Year.

(3) Highest Physical Fitness Test Score for the Year.

(4) Top Military Unit (i.e., best Rifle Company, Outstanding Security Guard Company).

b. Awards must relate to the mission of the activity presenting the award. The accomplishments must be of such nature that they are above and beyond that expected of an individual or unit in the normal performance of duty.

c. Awards may be on a one-time basis in those instances where the accomplishment is unique, clearly contributes to increased effectiveness or efficiency, and is not covered by any other awards program.

d. When appropriated funds are used, only Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funds may be used to purchase trophies, medals, badges, and plaques in recognition of those accomplishments designated by the commander. The value of these awards will not exceed \$500 per fiscal year per division/wing/brigade/regiment/group/battalion/squadron/separate company and equivalent size units. For example, a battalion commander in 3d Marine Division could spend \$500 annually for battalion level recognition, the regimental commander could also spend \$500 annually for regimental level recognition, and the division commander could also spend up to \$500 annually for division level recognition.

e. A formal selection process for awards will be established to ensure strict compliance with the policy and principles outlined in this Order and to prevent one individual or unit from receiving two awards for an achievement when other candidates are equally qualified.

f. Appropriated funds may not be used to purchase plaques for presentation by the command to any U.S. military personnel for such occasions as liaison, command or other forms of site visit. The purchase of plaques with appropriated funds to present to U.S. military personnel who are reassigned or who are retiring after long and faithful service is prohibited.

4. Funding. The cost of authorized awards, trophies and similar devices will be borne by the unit making the award. When O&M, Marine Corps funds are used, all costs will be applied to Material and Services Financial Information Pointer (M&S FIP). The code "7R" will be placed in the Budget Reporting Code (BRC) field.


5. Action. Commanding officers and officers in charge will:

a. Comply with the policy and principles for the purchase of awards, trophies and similar devices as outlined herein.

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b. Submit requests (DD Form-1149) for the use of appropriated funds via the administrative chain of command for approval at the first level where there is a Marine Corps general officer in command.

c. Upon approval, submit requests (DD Form-1149) for award items to the Purchasing and Contracting Officer, MCB, Camp Smedley D. Butler. First Marine Expeditionary Brigade will submit approved requests (DD Form-1149) to the Purchasing and Contracting Officer, MCAS, Kaneohe Bay, HI.


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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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2 Apr 96

From: Adjutant, III Marine Expeditionary Force
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller

Subj: DIRECTIVES REVIEW ON FORCE ORDER ~~XXXXXX~~

Ref: (a) MCO P5215.1F

1. The following action is requested in accordance with the reference:

XX The subject directive, originating from your section, requires annual review. The reference requires that all directives be reviewed, at a minimum, annually. When a directive becomes 9 years old it will be reviewed for cancellation, revision or consolidation with a letter-type directive of similar subject, or incorporated in a manual-type directive.

_____ The subject directive is over 9 years old. This directive must be revised or cancelled.

2. As directed by the reference, this review must be completed and this form returned endorsed to the Adjutant, no later than 15 April 1996.

P. C. Southworth
P. C. SOUTHWORTH

15 Apr 96

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From: Comptroller Chief, III Marine Expeditionary Force
To: Adjutant, III Marine Expeditionary Force

1. Returned. The subject directive has been reviewed and the following applies:

XX The directive is current and accurate.

_____ The directive is outdated but cannot be revised at this time; awaiting directive from higher authority. (See remarks)

_____ The directive is less than 9 years old, but requires changes. Required changes are attached, or will be staffed for technical review by _____.

_____ The directive is no longer required and may be cancelled.

2. Remarks: _____

M. R. Harbison
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- YFA is still
- Do BRC is applicable.
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